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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 23, 2004, Applicant elects, with traverse, the invention of Group I (claims 96-115, 117, and 119-122), drawn to a method of synthesizing an RNA oligonucleotide in a cell. It is understood that claim 95 links the inventions of Groups I, II and III and therefore will also be examined. As the restriction requirement is subject to the nonallowance of the linking claim (claim 95), it is further understood that upon allowance of the linking claim, the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions shall be withdrawn and any claim depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim will be entitled to examination in the instant application.

Group I is subject to the species requirement set forth in the Official Action mailed 10/01/03. In response thereto, Applicant elects, with traverse, the species of the claimed invention where the cell is mammalian. The claims of Group I that are readable on the elected species include claims 95 (the linking claim), 96, 97, 99-115, 117 and 119-122.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the restrictions in this case and submits that the inventions as claimed can be readily evaluated in one search without placing undue burden on the Examiner.

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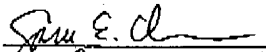
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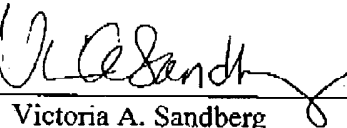
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